



Chestbursters--



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MOOD: 😤 bored

MUSIC: no idea. too lazy to google the lyrics.

Yes, I called to check up on the Angry Kitteh in the hospital. What was that about my sucker light?

It turns out she was carrying three kittens, one of which was born dead (inadequate prenatal care, a scourge of teen mothers). The shelter thinks she's ten months old, by her teeth.

She is doing fine now, and the two surviving kittens also.

The Blue Beetle is still on life support, pending a detailed listing of all the organ transplants it may need.

And I am likely to be out of touch until Saturday, as I am seminar-guy today complete with field trip to Arkham (Dad's cupbearer: he's picking me up in ten) and then planning on hitting the gym tonight with Tasha and

 [trollcatz](#) (<https://trollcatz.livejournal.com/>) --since we missed last night--and then there may be beers. (Will there be beers, guys? I need beers after Mrs. Chow.)

I'll have the AOP. Try not to break the place while I'm out. I will be thinking longingly of your doughnuts and your pizza while I am eating cafeteria lasagne you-know-where.

Snow on Saturday.

Sigh.

Is it summer yet? I'm turning radioactive green, and it looks better on the Hulk.



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All right, unconscious mind. We're

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Whatever you do, do NOT go to meet the kittens. It's doooooom.

Despite all of my careful plans about how and when I was getting a dog, I went to a rescue place "just to see" and wound up with an 11-week-old puppy a week before finals and a trip to Florida.

Meeting baby critters is DOOOOOOM!



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We are firm in our resolve.

Besides, can't have cat. Job. Travel. Single. Live alone.

No cat. :-(



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Hah. Moi aussi, ditto, ditto, ditto - and I have (or am had by) a cat and am about to acquire/get acquired by another. Next excuse?



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Who takes care of it when you're not home?

[qe2](#)

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Good question, and fair point. It rather depends on how long I'm gone. Over a long weekend, the Epileptikitty can fend for himself; I leave him food and water and adequate toilet facilities and he pretty much sleeps and nibbles the days away. If I'm to be away longer than four or five days, though, I have a co-worker look in on him, and that might be difficult for you given the exigencies of your workplace. Don't suppose you've a neighbor you'd trust with a key? I saw [txanne](#) mention fire escapes and someone named Ng - a potential co-cat-conspirator?



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It would seem unfair to me to leave an animal alone without any social outlet for days on end. Also, I get called away for days on end, without notice, precipitously, and I'm never sure when I'm coming home.

And no, I don't have a neighbor I could ask to take care of an animal under those conditions. Even if I did think it was fair to the hypothetical cat to abandon it on a regular basis, I also work sixty hour weeks on a regular basis. I'd have to be an asshole to adopt a pet under those circumstances.

I can't even keep houseplants alive.



[ge2](#)

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Fair cop. I apologize if I sounded like an asshole myself; I'd no such intention in mind, but that doesn't always prevent it from happening. The Angry Kitteh is fortunate to have had you as a rescuer, wherever she and her progeny go from here.



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No, it's okay. It's just that people generally have reasons for their decisions, so unless you know the reasons, questioning the decisions will probably get you answers involving them.



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I'm happy to have the reasons. Finding out where others' mileage varies from mine - and vice versa - shakes up my worldview usefully and reminds me of the dangers inherent in assumptions. Thanks for taking the time to explain.

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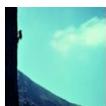
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Poor baby, just a baby herself. When I was a rescue person, I'd seen cats pregnant at five months old (one of my twin terrors went into heat at four months, weighing at four and a half pounds), but that was generally only under "ideal" conditions.

Since this is mid winter it's probably her first litter (isn't that a horrifying thought?), and so she and they are lucky to have assistance. First time catmoms lose a lot of babies because they don't know what to do or just don't have the maturity to be moms. These little ones have a good chance of having a very good life. All of these little ones.

Does she has a name yet?



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Somehow, I think naming cats is the sort of thing that only results in *adopting* cats. Which is the sort of thing that ends in tears.

Besides, I never did get the hang of foreign languages...

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One of the vets I worked with refused to treat a cat who hadn't been given a name. He said they all deserved names. This is how I ended up with cats Tenshi, Henderi, Naderu, and Bob.

Also, I've also known plenty of cats called things like TBC (the black cat), Noname, Kitty, and Ten. If she isn't given a proper name, she'll end up being called something like Chestburster. It happens.



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What's wrong with "The Angry Kitteh?"

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Just as long as you're aware that if you use it long enough it becomes the name.



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Fire escape. Shared with responsible young men named Ng. *You* can't have a cat, but *they* can feed a stray.



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Yup. The best part of my job now is I can get away with skipping most of them, unless they are actually relevant and interesting.



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You can't has cat. But cat can has name?

Also, just remember, it isn't always up to you. Particularly with cats.

Don't worry about it too much. You've already made her life better. Take it as it comes.



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Spinach bars.

Sigh.



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Oh man.

And the Pasta of Dread Cthulhu?



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Worse.

Salisbury steak.

Think of my suffering as you dine on pizza.



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Holy merciful god. The Salisbury steak tastes worse than the stuff I cooked before you started giving me lessons. What makes the gravy taste like that? No, no, don't tell me.



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mshrm gvy frm gnt cans.

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